



## **DCHC MPO Board Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

9:00 AM

Committee Room  
2nd Floor Durham City Hall  
101 City Hall Plaza  
Durham, NC 27701

1. Roll Call
2. Ethics Reminder
3. Adjustments to the Agenda
4. Public Comments
5. Directives to Staff

**Directives to Staff**[16-100](#)

Attachments:      [2016-03-09 MPO Board Directives to Staff.pdf](#)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. **February 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

[16-124](#)

A copy of the February 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes is enclosed.

**Board Action:** Approve the minutes for February 10, 2016 Board Meeting.

Attachments:      [2016-03-09 DCHC MPO Board meeting minutes from February 10 2016](#)

**ACTION ITEMS**

7. **Update on the Status of the Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Project (15 Minutes)**

[16-125](#)

**Mike Kneis, NCDOT Division 5**

For several years work has been underway on a project to make bicycle and pedestrian improvements to a 2.7-mile section of Old Durham-Chapel Hill Road between Garrett Road in Durham and US 15-501 in Chapel Hill. A project overview and timeline is enclosed. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the status of the project.

**Board Action:** Receive project update from NCDOT Division 5

Attachments:      [2016-03-09 Old Durham-Chapel Hill Rd Bike Ped Project.pdf](#)

**Quarterly Update on D-O LRT Project (20 minutes)**

16-127

**Patrick McDonough, GoTriangle****Natalie Murdock, GoTriangle**

The DCHC MPO Board and GoTriangle have agreed on a quarterly update schedule for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (D-O LRT) project. GoTriangle will deliver quarterly update presentations to the DCHC MPO Board and incorporate responses to any specific question or topic requests.

**Board Action:** Receive the update from GoTriangle.

**8. Goals/Objectives/Performance Measures (Public Hearing) (15 minutes)**[16-110](#)**Andy Henry, LPA Staff**

The MPO Board released the draft Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures for the public input process at their February meeting. The attached document is a copy of the draft that was released. The MPO Board will conduct a public hearing at today's meeting and consider approving the Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures for use in the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) at their April meeting. The Triangle Regional Model (TRM) will likely provide the bulk of the data needed to set the values for the Performance Measures but the TRM will not be ready for such use for a few months. Thus, the MPO Board will need to adopt the actual Performance Measure values at a meeting after April.

Staff developed several options for the public to provide input, including:

- \* A short online survey -- [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCHCMPO-Goals](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCHCMPO-Goals)
- \* An MPO Web page with a copy of the Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures, and an email link to provide comments --  
<http://www.dchcmopo.org/programs/transport/2045mtp.asp#tabs4>
- \* A drop-in public workshop, 4pm to 7pm on Thursday, March 17th, at the Durham Station Transportation Center (corner of W. Pettigrew St. and W. Chapel Hill St.).
- \* Staff is working to set up a second public workshop at the Hargraves Center in Chapel Hill.
- \* A public hearing at the March 9th MPO Board meeting.

Public notification included:

- \* Ads in local newspapers;
- \* Distribution to the MPO's email list of interested residents;
- \* Posting on the MPO Web site; and
- \* Distribution by public information officers of the jurisdictions and counties in the MPO.

Two additional documents are attached: a compilation of the comments received thus far; and a summary of the online survey as of March 1st.

Staff continues to coordinate the Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures with the Capital Area MPO to keep the MPOs' final versions as similar as possible.

**TC Action:** Receive an update on the public input process of the Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures.

**Board Action:** Receive an update on the public input process of the Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures and conduct a public hearing.

**Attachments:**      [2016-03-09 DCHC MPO Goals.pdf](#)  
                              [2016-03-09 GoalsComments.pdf](#)

**9. Draft Amendment #1 to the FY2016-2025 TIP (10 minutes)**[16-112](#)**Lindsay Smart, LPA staff**

This is the first proposed amendment to the FY2016-2025 TIP. Draft amendment #1 adds two new projects, cancels two projects, and makes changes to eight existing projects in the TIP. The new projects, project cancellations, and the changes to the existing projects are described in detail in the attachments to this agenda item. On February 10, 2016, the DCHC MPO Board released draft amendment #1 to the TIP for public review and comment. The draft amendment has been posted to the DCHC MPO website, the DCHC MPO database, and announcements were run in the Herald Sun and the Triangle Tribune on Sunday, February 21, 2016. The draft amendment has been circulated once via the DCHC MPO's email distribution listserv and will be circulated again.

**TC Action:** Reviewed proposed TIP amendment #1, provided comments, and recommended that the DCHC MPO Board hold a public hearing for the proposed amendment.

**Board Action:** Hold a public hearing for the proposed amendment.

**Attachments:**[2016-03-09 Draft TIP Amendment 1 Summary Sheet.pdf](#)[2016-03-09 Draft TIP Amendment 1 Full Report.pdf](#)

**10. Public Hearing for Proposed Revised DCHC Methodology for Ranking Projects and Allocating Local Input Points (SPOT P4.0) (15 minutes)**

[16-115](#)

**Lindsay Smart, LPA staff**

The DCHC MPO's *Methodology for Identifying and Ranking TIP Project Requests* is the process that the DCHC MPO Board conducted in the summer and fall 2015 for the NCDOT SPOT P4.0 project selection process. The Methodology details how the DCHC MPO will conduct future steps in SPOT P4.0 process in the winter, spring, and summer 2016. In particular, beginning on page 15, the steps and actions that the DCHC MPO will take to solicit public input, rank projects, and allocate the MPO's Local Input Points to priority projects for input to the STI process. The Methodology also informs the MPO's development of the Transportation Improvement Program. The Methodology is designed to address the federal requirement that the TIP be consistent with the projects and investment priorities of the MTP while being compatible with the state's STI process.

The Methodology was submitted to the NCDOT Review Committee for review and approval. On Tuesday, February 16, 2016, the NCDOT Review Committee provided feedback on the Methodology and requested that the Methodology be revised and resubmitted. The revised Methodology is included as an attachment to this agenda item. Highlighted sections indicate changes or emphasis of existing language that may have been overlooked by the NCDOT Review Committee.

**TC Action:** Reviewed, discussed, and recommended that the MPO Board approve the revised draft Methodology be released for the public review and comment period.

**Board Action:** Receive presentation on proposed revisions. Review and discuss the revised DCHC MPO draft Methodology. Hold public hearing for the revised draft Methodology. Approve the revised draft Methodology be released for the public review and comment period, with any comments from the MPO Board incorporated as necessary.

**Attachments:**      [2016-03-09 draft New Pjct Selection and Ranking Methodology 18-27 TIP.pdf](#)

**REPORTS:**

**11. Report from the Board Chair**

[16-101](#)

**Steve Schewel, Board Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the Board Chair.

**12. Report from the Technical Committee Chair**

[16-102](#)

**Mark Ahrendsen, TC Chair**

**Board Action:** Receive the report from the TC Chair.

13. **Report from LPA Staff** [16-103](#)  
**Felix Nwoko, LPA Staff**

**Board Action:** Receive routine report from LPA staff, the draft FY 2015 MPO Annual Report and the 2015 DCHC MPO Final Analytics Report.

**Attachments:** [2016-03-09 LPA staff report.pdf](#)

14. **NCDOT Report** [16-104](#)  
**Joey Hopkins (David Keilson), Division 5 - NCDOT**  
**Mike Mills (Pat Wilson/Ed Lewis), Division 7 - NCDOT**  
**Brandon Jones (Darius Sturdivant), Division 8 - NCDOT**  
**Julie Bollinger, Transportation Planning Branch - NCDOT**  
**Kelly Becker, Traffic Operations - NCDOT**

**Board Action:** Receive the reports from NCDOT.

**Attachments:** [2016-03-09 NCDOT Progress Report.pdf](#)

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

15. **Recent News Articles and Updates** [16-105](#)  
**Attachments:** [2016-03-09 news\\_articles.pdf](#)

## **Adjourn**

**Next meeting: April 13, 2016 at 9 a.m., Committee Room**

**Dates of Upcoming Transportation-Related Meetings: None**